

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant draws attention to a preliminary amendment filed with the application. That preliminary amendment cancelled claims 1-24 and replaced them with method claims 25-36 and device claims 37-52.

In an effort to avoid another restriction requirement, Applicant has amended independent method claim 25 to recite a method for making the device recited in independent device claim 37. Applicant submits that in view of this amendment, only one independent and distinct invention is claimed. Accordingly, Applicant looks forward to a first office action on the merits.

Applicant also takes this opportunity to address minor errors in the dependent claims.

Now pending in this application are claims 25-52, of which only claim 37 is independent. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number "12816-093001."

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept. 3, 2004



Faustino A. Lichauco
Reg. No. 41,942

Fish & Richardson P.C.
225 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110-2804
Telephone: (617) 542-5070
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906